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EDITORIAL

We are presenting our last copy of AWARENESS for the 1981-82 season ending March 31st. It is hoped that UK readers will receive their copies before the AGM on Saturday March 20th in Oxford. A loose street plan is enclosed for the benefit of UK members who we hope will be able to attend. Please refer to your Autumn 1981 copy of AWARENESS for details of the exhibition, speakers and times.

The winner of the "Investigator of the Year 1981" award will be announced and it is hoped that the nominated person will be present to receive the award at the AGM.

Sadly we are unable to announce any winner for the "Prize Essay" competition, simply because no essays were received at all. We do not wish to complain about the apathy of members, as quite a lot of useful articles have been arriving on other subjects not meant to be essay entries, but it seems unlikely that the competition will be re-introduced next year in its present form.

The Treasurer would like to remind all members that SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE AFTER MARCH 31st 1982 for the year 1982-83. THE RATE IS £5.00 (no increase). The Committee has agreed to hold the subscription at £5.00 for the third year in succession in view of the extremely difficult economic situation existing in the UK, putting pressure on everybody's disposable income. It is imperative that members renew promptly to ensure that adequate cash flow is maintained in the Organisation in the early part of the new season, when a large amount of money is required for purchasing paper and printing materials for the next round of magazines. Any member or Investigator wishing to make donations over and above their normal subscriptions is welcome to do so and any donations received will be acknowledged in the strictest confidence.

There has not been a great deal of UFO activity in the early part of 1982, but the detailed report of the ADAMSKI incident is now to hand and reported in full on the next pages. Readers must decide for themselves whether there is or is not UFO involvement here. A mammoth UFO hoax was perpetrated by one of the new Independent television companies as a means of advertising the channel. Separate comment has been made on this affair.

We are pleased to publish articles from our contacts in Iceland and Sri Lanka and welcome this influx of material from overseas.

The Committee and Data Research hope to meet you on March 20th or, if you are unable to come, letters and comment from the membership are always welcome.

The Editor.

ZYGMUNT JAN ADAMSKI DECEASED

AN INVESTIGATION by

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On Saturday September 19th 1981, the Yorkshire Evening Post had as its main headline: "DID UFO KILL THIS MAN?" A sub-title read: "Police and experts probe amazing 'aliens' theory." It was a YEP exclusive by Tony Harney and it included two photographs, one of the deceased, Mr. Zygmunt Adamski, alongside his wife Lottie outside their home, and of a Mr. Nigel Mortimer, underneath of which a caption read, "UFO expert".

Before giving a full transcript of the story, as it appeared in the Evening Post, one important fact should be entered. Nigel Mortimer had written to the co-author of this report some three weeks prior to the story emerging in the press, requesting information on how to become an investigator of UFO phenomena. That co-author, Graham W. Birdsall, the Co-ordinator/Investigator for Contact International (UK) for this region, was therefore somewhat sceptical about Mr. Mortimer's credentials, particularly in view of the fact that in eleven years of research into the phenomena, he had never heard of the man up until September 1st 1981, when he had written to him in reply to the letter he received.

THE ARTICLE

"Police trying to solve one of West Yorkshire's most mysterious deaths today revealed they had considered the amazing theory that UFO's - unidentified flying objects - might have been involved. The body of Yorkshire miner Mr. Zygmunt Jan Adamski, 57, was found on a tip at Todmorden on June 11 last year - five days after he left his home 30 miles away in Thornfield Crescent, Tingley, Leeds, to buy potatoes from a shop 200 yards away. The inquest decided Mr. Adamski died from natural causes - but the mystery surrounding his death and the riddle of his five missing days have baffled police ever since. Mr. Adamski, a coal face worker, suffered from angina, according to his wife, Mrs. Lottie Adamski, but this did not prevent him working down the pit. An inquest was told exhaustion could have caused heart failure resulting in his death, but a leading pathologist also said he may have "died of fright".

Among the other puzzling aspects are: burns were found on Mr. Adamski's neck and head - and forensic scientists have been unable to explain them. Despite the most intensive inquiries and widespread appeals, no witness has come forward to say he or she saw Mr. Adamski over the five days between his leaving home and his body being found. According to relatives he had never been to Todmorden in his life and did not know the area. At the time of Mr. Adamski's disappearance there were reports of UFO activity in the area where his body was found, including reports by the police.

A spokeswoman for West Yorkshire police said the file on the death of Mr. Adamski was still open. "If further information comes to light we will pursue those lines of enquiry again," said the spokeswoman. Now some of the countries top UFO experts - including Mr. Nigel Mortimer of Otley - are investigating Mr. Adamski's death. One of the theories they are considering is that he was 'kidnapped' by aliens.

The description of the burn marks on Mr. Adamski was given by consultant pathologist Dr. Alan Edwards at the inquest conducted by Calderdale Coroner, Mr. James Turnbull. Dr. Edwards also referred to scratches on the palms of both hands and on each knee. Dr. Edwards also said his death was caused by heart failure which could be related to a severe shock or fright. Mr. Turnbull recorded a verdict that Mr. Adamski died from natural causes although he added that crime could not be ruled out and he appealed to the public to help piece together the missing days in the life of Mr. Adamski.

Mrs. Adamski is still mystified by what happened to her husband. "I still cannot understand it. He had been in Leeds shopping. When he got home he remembered he had forgotten some potatoes for tea. He said he was slipping out to get some. I never saw him alive again," she said. "No one seems to know what happened and I can only think he was kidnapped or something," said Mrs. Adamski.

Top UFO experts feel Mrs. Adamski is right and, amazingly, claim his kidnappers may not be from earth. Mr. Mortimer of Meagill Rise, Otley, a member of Northern UFO News said there were a reported and recorded number of sightings of what were thought to be UFO's in the Todmorden area at the time of Mr. Adamski's death. "One of these sightings was made by a local police officer and they are documented. I am investigating this case and as far as I can gather his disappearance and death are inexplicable. Had the unfortunate man been a victim of a mysterious UFO phenomenon?" asks Mr. Mortimer." End of article.

Steps were taken to set up a joint investigation into the mystery at once on my instigation, with Nigel Mortimer of Nufon, and Walter Reid of Bufora agreeing to the need to conduct such an exercise.

Obvious question marks hung like a giant cloud over the circumstances involving the man's disappearance and death, and our first task was to glean as much information on the deceased's background as possible. Mr. Adamski was a normal person, tea-total, and had no criminal record. There was a suggestion made and put to the police that because he was a Polish exile and anti-communist, some political motive might be behind his death, but the police ruled this out because in their words he was "not a political activist." He was a smashing neighbour according to those who lived nearby.

The journalist who covered the story for the Evening Post, Tony Harney, told me that the marks found on the body were as follows:

Three scratch marks on each hand, but they were not even superficial. They might cause a tickle sensation, but no more, which would seem to rule out torture. The burn marks on the head were corrosive and unidentified. However, they had been on the body for some three days before the man died. Before Tony Arney concluded our conversation I asked him for the name of the police officer(s) who had allegedly observed a UFO at the time of Adamski's disappearance. He gave me the name of PC Alan Godfrey of Todmorden police.

I had no records myself of any activity in or around that area for the period of June 6th to 11th and it was a surprise that West Yorkshire police had not contacted me (as is the usual case), particularly in view of the fact that one of their own officers was involved. The mystery deepened somewhat when it was learned that Alan Godfrey was one of the first officers on the scene once the body had been found, and that he himself had not only seen a UFO, but was undergoing hypnotic regression to reveal a close encounter experience which occurred in November of that same year.

I kept our senior research officer Derek Mansell up to date with matters in a series of long and detailed phone conversations. It was important, he suggested, that we attempt to answer the following questions:

Why did the West Yorkshire police allow a UFO group to put one of their own men under this treatment?

What is the character of the policeman like?

Who put him under hypnosis, and what of his character?

Derek also wanted to know if an excavator could have been used to dump the body on the tip and had the body now been buried, or still kept on ice. It was vital, he said, that we obtain a copy of the Coroner's report and the forensic data, in order to check the findings using our own experts.

Shortly after we began the investigation, Tony Harney came up with the revelation that Jenny Randles, the author of UFO and Nufon leader, had been researching this case for some months, and that he believed she was about to publish a book on her findings. As Nigel Mortimer was subscribed to the Northern UFO Network, it was suggested to him that he attempt to find out as much information as possible from them, but both he and Walter Reid of Bufora reported that no information was forthcoming. Several pieces of news did appear in the newsletters sent out by the group, but a surprising phone call from Peter Warrington (Mufora) added to the mystery. Shortly before this call, the Sunday Mirror had printed a front page article which dealt with the Adamski case. Peter Warrington was upset (to put it mildly) that the Sunday Mirror had got hold of the story, and why Nufon had not even been mentioned. He was angry that the story had mentioned a policeman, and denied that he had any knowledge of such a man undergoing post-hypnotic regression. It

transpired, after I let it be known to Peter the identity of the policeman, that he did now acknowledge the fact that Alan Godfrey was undergoing hypnotic regression, but that the Sunday Mirror were wrong to assume that this was in some way connected with the Adamski case. Peter requested that I make no attempt to contact this man as he was already on the carpet for revealing his experiences to the group without prior permission.

Given that this was the truth, and I respect Peter Warrington as an author with highly held principles, I agreed not to interview Alan Godfrey. However, Walter Reid of Bufora did speak to Godfrey before my conversation with Peter, and a transcript of that conversation reads as follows:

"Mr. Godfrey? Yes, speaking. My name is Reid. I am a representative for the British UFO Research Association and I would like to ask you some questions. Certainly, go ahead. Firstly I would like to mention that I am researching the Adamski case and would like to ask you about your experience with regards to a UFO encounter. Well, I can tell you that I did encounter something rather unusual, but I cannot remember what it was. Well, did you see a UFO? Oh God, certainly I did, I was driving down a road and there was a green glow, I had never seen anything like it before, but it was weird. Did anyone else see anything? Yes. I believe a few other officers saw some unusual objects and made a report, but I have never heard anything else about it. Could I send you an RI sighting report form, which I would like you to complete and send back to me? Well, I'm afraid that I have had rather enough of forms and my wife is rather upset by the whole thing, so I would prefer to leave it for now, if you don't mind. Yes, I will be in touch again and thank-you for your assistance."

Needless to say, the questions asked of Godfrey were totally unsuitable, and it was at this stage that I doubted Walter Reid's ability to provide myself and Nigel Mortimer with accurate information, and the fact remained that I had agreed not to interview Godfrey myself. A poor state of affairs. With the assistance of Data Research, the net was spread far and wide to record UFO activity on the days when Adamski disappeared. On June 4th 1980, Buenos Aires Argentina at 12.00 midnight local time, a large disc shaped object was seen moving very fast across the sky. On June 7th 1980, Nottingham, England, at 9.00 p.m., a large disc shaped object was seen hovering very low, it then flew along hedge tops as if looking for something. The object was some 70-80 feet in diameter. The witnesses, a family in a car, had stopped when they first saw the object. They got out to observe it, but were frightened out of their wits when it came towards them. A shadow of sorts enveloped their car as it passed overhead, to disappear. There were two sightings in the United States but these were on June 13th - 14th and eliminated from this enquiry.

The press meanwhile were heavily involved with the case, and

before too long references were being made to the coincidence of the surname "Adamski" and that of his American "counterpart" in the Fifties. These articles only served to create more distrust among senior officers of the West Yorkshire police and those investigating the case. Certain facts came to the surface as we trod carefully amongst various people and evidence. Alan Godfrey had experienced a close encounter of the third kind, and he had revealed this in confidence to a friend who was a member of Mufora, The Manchester group. He had been "carpeted" by senior officers for not revealing facts about this experience and had in effect been told to speak to no-one. Another member of the group, Mr. Harry Harris, had offered his services to the widow of Mrs. Adamski.

As the information began to come in, I contacted the press liaison officer for West Yorkshire Met. Police, Bob Baxter to ask him for any comments. He found the press stories ridiculous and added: "There were no sightings of UFO's reported to us, the corrosive marks could have been washed away by extensive rain that fell at the time, hence the reason why the forensic people could not identify them. In any case, the guy probably had medical treatment, for some of his hair had been shaved away and also, the man Adamski did not die of fright as some papers have reported." There had been no mention of the fact that the hair or scalp of Adamski had been shaved in earlier reports, and, if this was so, would not the police have located the person or persons who carried out any treatment?

As yet another meeting took place between Walter Reid, Nigel Mortimer and myself, it was Nigel's words that somewhat surprised me. He said that he first raised the mystery of Adamski's death and possible involvement of UFO's to try and involve more people locally in the subject. He had read articles in a Nufon newsletter which dealt with the case, and he had submitted these, along with several reported sightings in the area to the press. More information concerning the findings of the body came to our notice, with yet more intriguing facts.

Trevor Parker, a coal merchant's son, had found the body at 1.15 p.m., June 11th 1980. It had not been there the day before, nor had he seen it at 10.00 a.m. that very same morning it was discovered. There was no shirt on the body and his watch and wallet were missing but there was £5.00 on him. It looked as if the body had been placed gently on the coal tip. Even one of the police officers who surveyed the grim scene agreed with this opinion, going as far as to say that only a helicopter could manage such a feat. The coal tip itself was smooth, there were no marks to suggest anyone had scaled it. The body was spotlessly clean, as if he "had just stepped from a shower."

Alan Godfrey, it transpired, had had close encounters at the tender ages of seven and thirteen, and had seen UFO's before Adamski's death in June. We discovered that on November 28th 1980, he had a further encounter and how, under hypnosis, he revealed how he sighted a craft, been taken aboard and experimented on, although exact details

still lay in the hands of Mufora. We also found through various contacts that after the regression, entities appeared in his bedroom and what is more, his wife saw them and became very alarmed. We learned that the couple and their children were upset at this appearance. Efforts were made to find out who conducted the regression, but these proved unsuccessful, however we did learn that Harry Harris took part.

Nigel Mortimer experienced a more surprising incidence yet one that we should mention. A police officer of senior rank visited him at his home - the man denied that UFO's were involved, and demanded to know the name or names of police officers involved in the case who had seen UFO's! Nigel got the impression that he was politely being told to forget the case. We know that other officers had confided in Godfrey that they too had seen UFO's. We know that Godfrey felt he might in some way be connected with the death of Adamski, it was an uneasy feeling that he had.

Some fifteen months had elapsed since Adamski had died when we began our investigation, but we attempted to prick peoples memories by asking for any information relating to the case through a press circular, which appeared in several papers. Unfortunately, we had no new information which we did not already have in our possession from those members of the public who responded to our appeal. Research through old newspapers threw up more clues. On July 7th 1980, the Halifax Courier ran a story about the case. It began: "The mystery of the last few days of a 57 year old man's life before he was found dead at Todmorden deepened today when police established he had visited Lancashire for medical treatment. It is now known that he visited an acupuncturist in Nelson on Friday June 6th. Detective Inspector John Boyle of Halifax who is leading the inquiry, said today that the Lancashire connection was the only new development and that Mr. Adamski's whereabouts on the days leading up to his death remained a mystery. Dr. Alan Edwards, a consultant pathologist, said the man had died of a heart attack with the poor conditions of his lungs a contributory factor."

"Meanwhile, Mr. Adamski's invalid widow, Leokadia, has been granted permission for his body to be taken to Poland for burial." So, less than a month after the discovery of the body, and with so many questions left unanswered, without reaching the stage where an inquest has even begun to answer the mystery, the body is shipped out of the country. Quite extraordinary.

Other interesting facets surrounding the case, and not broadcast by the media, were items like this, which appeared in the Halifax Courier on June 13th, 1980: "He (Adamski) had been seen in public houses in the Todmorden area, said Det. Chief Insp. Baines." Six days later, in the same paper, this appeared: "He had been missing from home for some time and had been seen wandering around the countryside, said a police spokesman." On July 4th 1980, another article in the same paper gave details which we had been crying out for, yet up till the time of our researching these matters, had

received no co-operation from various sources. It began:
 "Mr. Christopher John ZIELINSKI, of Leeds, said that before Mr. Adamski's disappearance he had been told his application for early retirement from the pit had been rejected. He wanted to retire because he needed to look after his wife, who is an invalid," Mr. Zielinski said. "He was very disappointed when he was told he would have to continue working." Some would argue that this could be a reason for his leaving home, perhaps depressed, but then another important fact emerged. Mr. Adamski was looking forward to giving away his god-daughter at a wedding two days after his disappearance. Polish relatives were staying with him at the time. He had never disappeared before. He was a quiet man with no enemies.

Significantly perhaps, we discovered that Trevor Parker had first visited the coal yard at 8.30 a.m., not at 10.00 a.m. and that he discovered the body at 4.00 p.m., not 1.15 p.m., as later reports indicated. Great efforts were made to locate the acupuncturist in Nelson, Lancashire, and although I travelled to the town and found the address of such a practitioner, his secretary told me that the man Adamski was not a regular patient if he had visited her employer, as records that she kept would only give details of regular patients. If Adamski had seen him, no record of such a visit would have been made. A poor excuse if ever I heard one, but should there be a reason for not giving me information? On October 19th 1981, we received the following letter from the Coroner, J. A. Turnbull, the man who conducted the inquest on Adamski. It was in reply to our request to see a copy of the report on the inquest.

"Dear Sir,

re: Zygmunt Jan Adamski, deceased.

Thank you for your letter of the 5th October.

Copies of depositions taken in my court are only available to "properly interested persons" as specified by statute. I am afraid that neither you nor your organisation fall within this category and therefore it will not be possible for me to supply a copy of the depositions to you.

On the other hand, I do not wish to appear unhelpful and I would be perfectly prepared to disclose the details of the investigation made on my behalf to you at an interview if this could be conveniently arranged."

It should be noted that Mr. Harry Harris who looked after the affairs of Mrs. Adamski was a solicitor, and could therefore obtain depositions. My understanding of the situation is that Mr. Harris offered his services free of charge and spent a considerable amount of his own money not only on this case, but on the Alan Godfrey case as well.

Having taken due note of Mr. Turnbull's offer of help, we compiled a list of some 37 questions which we believed needed answering or clarifying, on the Adamski case itself. These were dispatched on November 16th 1981. On November 24th 1981, I received the following reply from the Coroner.

"Dear Mr. Birdsall,

re: Zygmunt Jan Adamski, deceased.

Thank you for your letter of the 16th November. I can but acknowledge it at this stage since providing replies to your questions will take a certain amount of time. I will write to you again as soon as possible."

In June 1981 issue of Northern UFO News, investigators Norman Collinson and Harry Harris gave brief details of the case and also brief details of Alan Godfrey's close encounter. They wrote: "Two separate incidents are involved, which may or may not have any connection." Jenny Randles wrote: "Harry Harris, Mufora member and solicitor, investigated the case for us (and the man's widow) but no reason for disappearance or motive for murder was found. The case is quite inexplicable." She went on: "Alan D (Godfrey) was involved in the above case and very puzzled by it. He of course saw no UFO correlation in it, having no interest in the subject."

The rest of the article dealt with Alan Godfrey, and the fascinating encounter that he had with a UFO. It mentioned how, on November 28th 1980, he was called to an estate in Todmorden to investigate a report that some cows were roaming about. How, after two hours of fruitless searching, he returned to the same area at 8.15 a.m. How he came across an oval shaped object in the road, with white lights pouring out from the top of the object, and windows from the base. The lower half of the object rotated clockwise and it was some 20' across and 12' deep. The object was some 5' above the road surface and came within 2' of the tops of some street lights in the road. Alan Godfrey was some 100' away from the object and at this stage sketched the object on a pad using a clipboard. He noticed how his car headlamps reflected their beam of light off the object, and how the trees adjacent trembled (although there was no breeze). He also saw that the ground directly beneath the object was dry, yet heavy rain soaked other parts of the road. Both his UHF and VHF channels were silent when he tried to radio his base, although he pointed out that there are radio black spots in the area.

The article then continued: "There is now a dramatic continuity break. He found himself further down the road past where the object itself had been, looking back to find the object gone. He has no idea how he got there or where the object went. His engine had been running all the time. He then heard a distinct voice say to him

"You should not be seeing this. It is not for your eyes D (Godfrey). You will forget it." He drove back, but as he is not sure of the exact times involved, the length of time lapse is unknown but was no more than minutes. Clearly this is a classic and investigation is still proceeding. We envisage conducting a regression hypnosis experiment to see what might emerge, but of course any such memory would be of a different order to his conscious memory which is why the objective story is presented at this stage for consideration."

In the October issue of the same newsletter, Jenny Randles expressed annoyance at the breaking of the Adamski case by the Sunday Mirror. In it she wrote: "Whatever you may have seen from the media and their sources (whoever they might be) are most patently not the true facts." She went on: "However, there is nothing but rather flimsy circumstantial evidence to link this death with UFO's ... and despite what the media and spokesmen from UFO organisations Bufora and Contact said in print. These people have not (to our knowledge) had any contact with the case, other than what they have read, and their comments (possibly misquoted) are certainly erroneous. It is ridiculous to suggest that ufologists are treating the strange death of Mr. Adamski as a CE3!" She added that the mention of the fact that a police officer peripherally involved had undergone hypnosis and recalled a UFO contact on the day of Mr. Adamski's death was a "total fabrication".

She concluded: "We are still trying to discover how the story "blew up" like this, since there was no reaction to the Adamski death when it appeared locally at the time (although there was no UFO to link with it at that moment of course). It seems that a misguided ufologist, perhaps having read NUN or FSR or both, alerted the media for some reason. If so, his motives must be questioned for publicity of this nature is the very last thing we need. Certainly the media have no access themselves to the FSR or NUN article, have not discussed the matter with Mufora, nor the policeman. Neither did the person who "leaked" this consider the anonymity factor or consult with Mufora before taking his irresponsible action. The repercussions are horrific. The police officer (whom his superiors obviously have identified) is in serious trouble. So, too, is Mufora. The Official Secrets Act is being dangled. Harry Harris stands to lose a great deal of money and ufology valuable data, because all contact between the witness and ourselves must now cease. This all stems from the foolhardy relationship between a ufologist and the media. It is a very serious warning to every single one of us." Quite clearly, as the cat had been let out of the bag so to speak, our colleagues at Nufon, Mufora, Nufoin or whatever you like to call them, were upset. And understandably so.

There are one or two points which do need clearing up. Nigel Mortimer, who was described in the original Evening Post article as a "UFO expert", and who described himself as belonging to the

Northern UFO News, was the misguided ufologist who passed on details to the press. That is their pigeon, and nobody else's. It is quite true that I spoke with a man from the Sunday Mirror, that was only to be expected as my phone number and work on the subject is well known around here. When Jenny Randles talks of a possible misquote, she is right. Not knowing the case inside out, I told this journalist that if the story is true, then it would be the biggest UFO story to hit these shores in many a year. I also pointed out to all and sundry that, for my part, the connection between the death of Adamski and UFO's from what I read in the Evening Post was speculation of the highest order. The journalist who spoke with Mortimer and later to me, was the first person to mention anything about hypnotic regression and if anyone got their wires crossed it was these two. The fact remains that Nufon printed these articles and that one of their own members leaked information to the press in order to arouse interest locally in the subject, for whatever reason Nigel Mortimer had, I would say that a question mark on printing the article at all must be raised with those powers that be who produce the newsletter.

I must point out that this investigator adhered to the wishes of Peter Warrington not to question Alan Godfrey, but it would appear that the damage had already been done. It came as quite a shock to read Godfrey's experience with the UFO, and results of his hypnotic regression in the Sunday Mirror some months after our enquiry began. It fell to Jenny Randles to offer an explanation in a newsletter article: "Following comment in the October issue regarding the death of Mr. Adamski and Alan D's (Godfrey's) contact experience (or alleged contact) five months later the matter has once more hit the headlines in the national press. Indeed as I write, Mufora is having to battle off the press from all over the world, as we are still very unhappy about media coverage of this case. After readers inquiries, a few facts must be pointed out. In June 1980 the Adamski disappearance and death received substantial local publicity. Nigel Watson and Paul Bennett have supplied information on UFO's cited by the media as having been in the vicinity between the 7th (when Adamski vanished) and the 11th (when his body was found) (June 7 - huge orange ball over Bradford: June 8 - similar objects over Todmorden & Halifax, and after this an apparent spate in South Bradford). From this it is hardly surprising that the "Adamski was killed by UFO's" rumour spread. Why the national press did not latch on to this is unknown. In November 1980, Alan D (Godfrey) had his experience and this was featured in the local paper, including his real name. Mufora investigated this, and also the Adamski story, with preliminary conclusions as stated in FSR. There is nothing but speculation to link Adamski with UFO's, and nothing at all to link his death with Alan's sighting. Because of the nature of the case when publishing in FSR a pseudonym was given to Alan D (Godfrey) (although he had not requested this of us). In this way it was hoped to control the situation. The resultant publicity (which still seems baffling in the light of the facts) led to the official ban on Alan D (Godfrey),

and Mufora's regression hypnosis sessions stopped mid-track. The origin of the recent SUNDAY MIRROR "exclusive" on these sessions is not known, nor how they overcame the ban. Certainly Mufora has not co-operated, as a group, with the press, and we are trying hard to sort out what is occurring. Ufologists are advised not to accept what they read in the papers but await, when the time is right, for Mufora to follow the FSR article, "A Policeman's Lot" with the true facts, as they appear to stand. The situation remains highly confused and I am as confused as most of you are".

Confused is the right word for it. And I was equally disturbed by the comings and goings of Walter Reid, who had a fixation about a cover-up on the part of Nufon. This Bufora investigator dispatched several letters containing wild accusations which cited Jenny Randles as architect of such a cover up and without my knowledge. In fairness to her, she detailed all the evidence in a long and lengthy letter to Walter Reid, which I read. Having digested the letter and its content, it was quite clear that far from being obstructive on the matter, she had been as open as anyone. Yet Walter insisted on continuing this theme of a cover up in any report we compile. For this reason, and the fact that he deceived a number of people by claiming to be the Bufora co-ordinator here in Yorkshire and Northumberland when he was nothing of the sort, I later learned, our relationship and co-operation on the case ceased forthwith. Apologies for any such accusations which may or may not have included my name or Contact's were immediately sent to Jenny Randles. And I withdrew certain statements made to a journalist in Todmorden, which were based on what Walter Reid had in effect passed to me. This report therefore is intended to be an accurate account of events, and will obviously be up-dated in the future. Yet one puzzling aspect still remains; why did Alan Godfrey reveal his experience to the Sunday Mirror and why did Mufora allow them to view a recording of the regression?

My information is that the Sunday Mirror approached West Yorkshire police and asked permission to print certain facts of his experience. But they did not reveal to the police the full extent of their inquiry or what form it would take once printed. It came as a bombshell to senior officers and caused "great embarrassment all round", they had "no knowledge at all" that the story would turn out the way it did. It would have "an effect on his police career" as the police are very conscious of publicity. All in all, a very serious situation, one that should never have arisen, and one which should concern each and everyone of us.

As this report deals in the main with the Adamski case, I would close by repeating much of what has been stated earlier, that circumstantial evidence alone cannot convince anyone that UFO's figured in this man's disappearance and death. Yet even as I write, news has reached me that two police officers now say that they saw UFO's on the day his body was found. It is hoped that further

information will be forthcoming on this and that the Coroner's answers to our questionnaire will shortly reach us. It is to him that I leave the last word: "As a trained lawyer I have to rely on facts. Unfortunately we have not been able to uncover any facts which may have contributed to this death. I tend to believe that there may be some simple explanation. However, I do admit that the failure of forensic scientists to identify the corrosive substance which caused Mr. Adamski's burns could lend some weight to the UFO theory. As a coroner I cannot speculate, but I must admit that if I was walking over Ilkley moor tomorrow and a UFO came down I would not be surprised. I might be terrified, but not surprised. I cannot believe that all the thousands of reports of sort of phenomenon - occurring in almost every country in the world and going back through the ages - result from human error.

IT IS QUITE THE MOST MYSTERIOUS DEATH I HAVE INVESTIGATED IN 12 YEARS".

J.A. Turnbull
HM CORONER

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Editor

This case seems to be really "creaking at the joints". There appears to have been massive recourse to hearsay and contrived evidence involving vague associations with the victim. The goings-on between the various UFO groups mentioned is deplorable and we sincerely hope you will agree that our investigator's work has been carried out to the standards of objectivity laid down by CONTACT.

The body was found on June 11th 1980 and shipped to Poland for burial in July 1980. (I falsely assumed from reading the press reports that the body would have been retained by the police pending further tests). It appears that nothing else was reported on the case until September 1981, a gap of more than a year. We must ask ourselves why suddenly it all came out with massive publicity at this time? Was somebody jumping on the band-wagon - using the name ADAMSKI as an easy link to a UFO case? Was the hapless police constable, Godfrey, merely a stooge to supplement the idea that UFOs were involved? Please read the accounts carefully and decide for yourselves.

GENERAL PHENOMENON REPORT FROM ICELAND 1708-1754

by Sveinn Tomasson*

1708: (Month and date not certain)

From the Eastern part of the Island there was a strange report about a winged creature that many people saw rise from the sea and head inland. Nobody could identify the beast but according to the description it seemed to be some sort of a sea-dragon. Of course people were very much disturbed about a sighting like that and it was said to give people "the creeps" when discussed after dark.

1712: (Month and date not certain)

From the Western part of the Island a strange phenomenon was reported. A man came riding a horse, dressed in armour and fully equipped with arms. He was moving at a fast speed. That alone must be considered quite puzzling here in Iceland, but the strangest feature of all was that the man was riding way up in the sky. He came from the South and then turned South-East and disappeared. It is said that a sighting like that is a prediction of some kind of a catastrophe and many people say that they know of stories to support this.

1718: (Month and date not certain)

People who came to a small farm in Eyrarsveit (in the Western part) found a young girl dead, an old woman unconscious and two dead cows. The cause of this was not certain, but some think that the farm was struck by lightning which caused the death of the girl and the cows and paralysed the old woman.

1733: (Month and date not certain)

Headline - "A BLACK-HAIRED MERMAN FOUND IN A SHARK'S STOMACH
IN TALKNAFIRÐI".

The natives of Talknafjörður (in the Western part of the Island) had a surprise a while ago, when they cut up the belly of a big shark they had just caught. In the stomach they found a large body which was quite similar to the upper body of a man, but the Natives believed it was a Merman that the shark swallowed. The size of this Merman was like that of an eight to nine year old boy. The shape of the head was similar to that of a man, but the occipital bone was quite sharp and pointed out. The hair was black, thick and long to the shoulders, but no hair was visible on the rest of the body (no beard or eyebrows). The ears were big and hung down and the teeth long and conical in shape, like those of a catfish. The tongue was wide and short and the eye-colour the same as a cod while the forehead was high and curved at the top. The skin was bright yellow in colour. The nostrils were man-like with a deep stripe under the septum of the nose and a little dimple in the chin. His shoulders were high and the neck short.

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The arms corresponded with the body size and each hand had 5 very thin fingers. The chest and the backbone were man-like but the ribs were gristly. The meat was coarse and black, like that of a seal, where visible. The shark had been cut open on the beach when it had been landed, and it said that the Merman lay there on the shore for about a week, but the local people did not want it to be there for ever so they dumped it back into the sea and it was never seen again. This phenomenon was widely talked about in the area, and the learned men said that a Merman had not been caught in the sea since the age of the settlement of Iceland (which started in the year 874) when one of the settlers by the name of Grimur Ingjaldsson caught one when he was fishing in Steingrimsfjorour which is also in the Western part of the Island

1744: (February, date and place not certain)

Frightening signs were observed in the sky night after night. It looked like a comet with a long trail behind it and was first noticed around the 6th January 1744 in the Southern part of the sky. The object was visible all night but disappeared at dawn. It had been there in the same part of the sky every night for a least a month. People were very alarmed and believed it to be a bad omen. Some were worried that it's rays might burn the grass on the ground and the leaves from the trees when Spring came.

(Ed.: The date does not coincide with the Halley's comet cycle)

1754: (Month and date not certain)

A strange thing happened in the summer at Eyrarbakki, a small seaside village in the Southern part of the Island. The weather was very good with a slight breeze. Suddenly a black cloud came from the mountains in the North-East and descended towards the village. At first it was huge, but seemed to become smaller and smaller as it came closer to the ground. The speed of it was like that of a "Falcon diving down on a ptarmigan without moving the wings". The cloud seemed to be perfectly round in shape and came over where a group of men were standing, both natives and foreigners (probably Danish or English). It rushed through the group and touched the cheek of a local worker standing there, who instantly went completely mad and ran wildly towards the sea. The others were astonished at this sudden change of behaviour and some ran after him, just grabbing him before he drowned in the sea, and pulled him ashore. No one could make him come to his senses and he just babbled all kinds of nonsense, both individual words and sentences which no one could understand. Those who held him had to use all their strength so he would not tear himself loose and finally they decided to roll a piece of sailcloth around his head and forced him to the ground. They held him there until he cooled down a little, but he was in a deranged state for quite a few days and did not fully recover until a fortnight later. His cheek became dark red or black but that gradually disappeared. There was no further news of the cloud.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL MYSTICS?

by Ananda Sirisena*

The extraterrestrial theory for the origin of UFO's is probably the most popular one but in the absence of sound ideas formulating precisely what would constitute evidence for ETI, proof for it must remain elusive (proof in the scientific sense).

The possibility of extraterrestrial visitors not connected with UFOs, at least not overtly, coming to Earth in recent times, not so far back as to be arguably indistinguishable from the mythological history of man, yet pre-1947, deserves serious attention.

In 1972, "Flying Saucer Review" published an article by Aime Michel, called: "AN ENIGMATIC FIGURE OF THE XVII CENTURY", (1), an absorbing study of a Saint who was born in France in 1579 on the Bayonne-Vichy line. However, as J.C. Dufour said in a subsequent article, "THE BIRTHPLACES OF PROMINENT PEOPLE IN RELATION TO BAVIC"(2) this discovery proved very little; the connection with UFOs is obvious - the extraterrestrial is not - unless one accepts that UFOs are from outer space.

There is nevertheless, a tangential implication. The birth of Saint Vincent de Paul is now associated with orthoteny, a discovery delineated with the 1954 wave of UFO reports in France. Now, if someday UFOs, or some UFOs are proved to be extraterrestrial (to the satisfaction of all) and orthoteny to have a genuine bearing, then St. Paul's birth on the BAVIC line conjures up an involved spiritual influence on Earth, assuming that St. Vincent de Paul was in a sense exceptional, compared with other distinguished persons born on BAVIC.

With enigmatic saints in mind, a search was conducted through fairly recent literature of India, so rich in mystical compendiums, looking for any claims to extraterrestrial lineage. Two remarkable cases were found: one well-known in the West, the other of an earlier clime not so renowned.

In February, 1836, there was born in the village of Kamarpukur, in Bengal, India, to a pious couple with four children, another son - a child prodigy. This boy grew up to be one of the most famous religious teachers of India during his lifetime and was known in his later life as Sri Ramakrishna. As Romain Rolland put it, when one speaks about Sri Ramakrishna, one talks about: "The story of two extraordinary lives - one half legendary, the other a veritable epic - unfolded before us in our own time, and the account of a lofty system of thought" (3)

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The other life is that of Sri Ramakrishna's chief disciple, Swami Vivekananda, author of many books on that "lofty system of thought", the philosophies of Yoga. (4)

Sri Ramakrishna could neither read nor write except for a few words in Bengali, but he possessed a phenomenal knowledge. From an early age he displayed a strong leaning towards religion and in his tender years started practice of the mystic and most dangerous Yogas. According to both of his tutors, he was an exceptional pupil, excelling even his teachers. In his later life, Sri Ramakrishna spent much of his time in a deep trance state of yogic meditation known as samadhi, during which time he no doubt gained his knowledge. The purpose here is not to narrate the life story of Sri Ramakrishna, extraordinary though it was. Readers are referred to two biographies, "THE GOSPEL OF SRI RAMAKRISHNA" by "M" (5) and a persuasive study by Christopher Isherwood, "SRI RAMAKRISHNA AND HIS DISCIPLES". (6)

A personal account of Sri Ramakrishna's life was given by Swami Vivekananda to Professor Max Muller, who produced a small work based on this first-hand evidence. (7) Apart from his chief disciple, Sri Ramakrishna had an inner circle of six other disciples, amongst multitudinous others.

It was whilst studying the life of one of these six, Swami Yogananda, that a rather stunning reference was found in a book called "SRI RAMAKRISHNA - THE GREAT MASTER" (8). The author of this book, portraying the early life of Swami Yogananda, states: "As the child grew up to have a sort of knowledge about himself and the world: the thought always came to his mind that he was not of this world; this was not the place of his true residence; his real residence was in a certain distant group of stars and his familiar companions were still living there."

It should be stressed that the claim is a literal one and does imply that Swami Yogananda purported to have been an extraterrestrial born (reborn?) here on Earth, thus postulating that metempsychosis (rebirth/reincarnation) is also applicable between planets.

Further it should be borne in mind that such disciples of the yogic tradition led exemplary lives and a prime requisite of them was strict adherence to truth. Therefore, any suggestion that this was a flight of fanciful imagination must be regarded as highly improbable. We cannot use the modern furore about UFOs as a pivot to try and explain this strange allusion to other worlds for Swami Yogananda lived during the turn of the century, long before ETI was associated with the UFO phenomenon.

Many years later, the world was to hear of another yogic extraterrestrial, Sri Yukteswar, whose life is better known in the West because his chief disciple, Paramahansa Yogananda (not to be

confused with Swami Yogananda) lived in the USA for over twenty years. In his autobiography, (9) Paramahansa Yogananda explains the resurrection of his guru, Sri Yukteswar in June 1936 as an ethereal rebirth onto another planet.

Such claims are worthy of our attention for two reasons: one, because the men who made them were authentic spiritual scientists of the highest character and two, the extraterrestrial theory for UFOs has not been disproved or laid to rest and is a viable one. All the yogis mentioned above propagated the concept of "cosmic consciousness". The connection between UFOs and cosmic consciousness has been speculated on by Dr. Leo Sprinkle. (10).

As UFO researchers, we are all interested in the origin of UFOs and the question of contact. The two Eastern yogis mentioned in this article, Swami Yogananda and Sri Yukteswar predate, for example, the Aetherius Society teaching that Buddha, Jesus and Krishna were extraterrestrial in origin. (11) We would do well to consider the implications of extraterrestrial mystics born on Earth.

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The "CENTRAL" Hoax

Readers may have been amazed to find in their Sunday newspapers on December 27th 1981, a full page advertisement which was entirely blank except for a small news cutting entitled "White Globe Seen in Sky near Nottingham". There followed a description of a UFO which was not identifiable with anything received by Data Research.

More was to follow in the National Dailies and local evening press through the week. A few extra insertions were made, but the pages were almost as blank as in the Sunday version. A photograph of the mystery "White Globe" was shown. Speculation mounted - could a UFO group be spending a fortune on a large advertising spree to reveal hitherto unknown facts on UFOs? Alas - it was not to be! By Thursday the secret had almost come out - the new television channel, CENTRAL, replacing ATV on January 1st 1982 was launching itself by a unique and extremely expensive method. When the channel began its transmissions, the mysterious white globe turned out to be the logo of the new CENTRAL company.

Those readers in the CENTRAL transmission area of ITV will no doubt have noticed that the programmes remain virtually the same as with ATV - even the same announcers reappeared. It was most unlikely that viewers would (or could) stray to other channels in any case, so in the opinion of your Editor, what a flagrant waste of money! Perhaps the benefactors of CENTRAL television might consider donating a few thousand pounds to struggling UFO groups, since they seem to have money to burn!

The Editor

BOOK REVIEWS

"UFO REPORTS INVOLVING VEHICLE INTERFERENCE" by Mark Rodeghier
Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS) 1981; 144 pp
Price: Not announced

During the mid 1970s's, Mark Rodhier, then a graduate at Sussex University, Brighton, spent many long hours extracting

information pertaining to vehicular interference described in UFO reports chronologically recorded in Contact International (UK)'s world catalogue of UFO events maintained at Oxford. It is thus especially gratifying to see the results of these labours, and others like them undertaken elsewhere by the same author, published in a limp-cover volume entitled "UFO REPORTS INVOLVING VEHICLE INTERFERENCE".

From every point of view, Rodeghier's tome is highly acceptable, since, with the exception of Charles Lockwood's much more limited "VEHICLE INTERFERENCE PROJECT REPORT" (Newchapel, 1979), there is no adequate comprehensive account of this intriguing and often disturbing facet of the ufo-enigma. As such, Rodeghier's opus fills a very real gap in our understanding of this problem and, since it goes well beyond Lockwood's pioneer effort, instantly becomes the definitive statement on the topic.

Although one might easily (but wrongly) conclude that this work is below acceptable standards on the basis of the erroneous spelling of Wroxham (given as Wroxam) in the very first entry, perusal of all subsequent 440 entries reveals this as apparently the only slip. Indeed, everywhere else, precision is an obvious hallmark of Rodeghier's work.

"UFO REPORTS INVOLVING VEHICLE INTERFERENCE" consists essentially of a lengthy initial narrative section (in which 441 described cases are properly documented) and a following series of shorter but important analytical sections covering the chronology of certain E.M. effects; E.M. event characteristics (such as ages, numbers and sexes of witnesses in each event; the locations of events; duration of event and weather at the time; the geographical distribution of the cases; physiological effects on witnesses; etc., etc.); entities observed per event; UFO actions, colours and sounds during the events; the temporal and annual distribution of the cases, and so forth. An interesting summary correlates many aspects of this category of UFO evidence, and reveals some surprising associations not, as far as this reviewer is aware, previously noted in other publications. The entire work is rounded off by an excellent bibliography and list of sources from which relevant reports were collected.

Unquestionably every UFO researcher and UFO group asking to be taken seriously should acquire a copy of Rodeghier's book. Regrettably no price is to hand as these lines are being written, and all prospective purchasers should, therefore, enquire direct to CUFOS, PO Box 1402, Evanston, Illinois 60204, USA.

J.B. Delair

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"AN EXPERIMENT WITH SPACE" by Robert Kingsley-Morison
 Ascent Publications (Volturna Press); 64pp
 £3.00 (UK)

A slim, decidedly curious, but very possibly an important little book, "AN EXPERIMENT WITH SPACE" has recently appeared from the pen of Robert Kingsley-Morison. It deals with the fact that modern methods of flying, air-travel, and spaceship propulsion (a-la astronaut vehicles) are not only excessively costly but also highly wasteful and physically dangerous. It argues that other, better, methods are available (at least theoretically) and should be utilized. Of these, one is levitation, which the author discusses at length, as also the known properties and behaviour of gravity. Written with a considerable degree of insight and technical argument (augmented by clear diagrams) it is just possible that Mr. Kingsley-Morison's ideas are those actually employed by UFOs. From that point of view, the book is well worth a read.

Although of modest dimensions, "AN EXPERIMENT WITH SPACE" uses smaller-than-usual type size and so actually packs a great deal onto its 64 pages. Whether readers will agree with Mr. Kingsley-Morison will depend upon their personal concepts, but there can be little doubt that those with a flexible outlook will discover much of real interest in this book. While perhaps not mandatory reading as yet, just possibly a day will dawn when "AN EXPERIMENT WITH SPACE" will become so. Certainly it presently rates much more than a casual glance, even if only for the book's foreword which has been provided by our own founder-president, the Earl of Clancarty.

For those experiencing difficulty in locating a copy of this book, the address of the publisher is 34 Elm Grove, London N8 9AH.

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"THE KAIKOURA UFO's" by Capt. Bill Startup with Neil Illingworth
 Hodder and Stoughton Ltd. 209pp.
 Price: £7.50 (UK)

The title refers to the famed New Zealand sightings of December 1978 which made world headlines at the time. Now, the person most eligible to describe the events, Capt. Bill Startup, who flew the aircraft involved has produced the most detailed account of the experience. He meticulously records the flight times and all aspects of the position of the UFO's in relation to his Argosy and the New Zealand terrain, throughout the two nights of observation. Maps of the relevant positions of the objects and aircraft are amply provided. No detail appears to have been left out of the narrative and the pilot is convinced that the objects were controlled and tracked his aircraft.

The official explanations that the sightings were a fleet of squid fishing boats, or Jupiter or Venus are discounted with the contempt they deserve. A man with thousands of hours flying time on the same route should be able to decide what is a UFO and what isn't! "The explanation is yet to be found", the authors conclude.

Clearly this is an invaluable work, being one of the few "first-hand" accounts of a major sighting from among so many others which are merely researched by third parties. The narrative is more suited to the reader who wishes to study the subject of Ufology rather than enjoy good bed-time reading, although anybody with the slightest interest in the subject will find the book fascinating.

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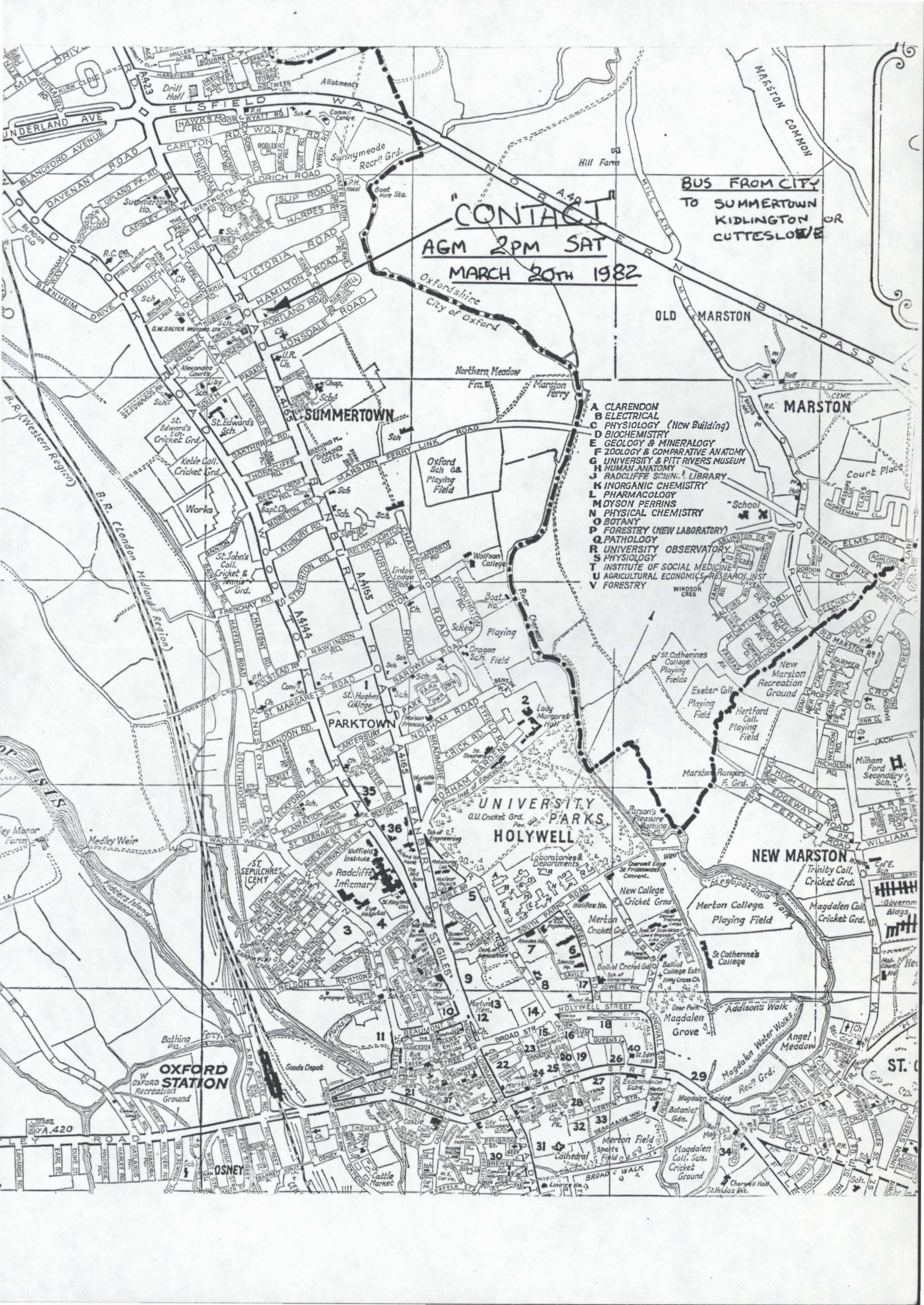
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